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Laura,

Following up on our conversation just before Christmas regarding the potential budget requirements for these two projects here are some details:

Carpenter Snow Creek – Silver Dyke tailings: Current Action memo Rmvl AOA funding request = \$375,000. Revised Estimate for Rmvl AOA Needed = **\$500,000 - \$600,000. The ASARCO trust is providing \$350K for ERRS funding, and the Remedial program in funding the design and field engineering. Projected start is August 1, 2014 and complete Oct 15.**

Red and Bonita Mine: If additional work is performed at the Red n Bonita this year, it will require approximately \$400,000. It could be done as an initial step in a Removal Action that would be completed in 2015. However, it could also be performed as a continuation of the Assessment phase with no commitment to install a bulkhead. The current uncertainty is the community / ARSG watershed group reaction to the Bulkhead option. The BLM and CO – DRMS support the option to install a bulkhead with valve controls, as discussed in the briefing on 1/9/14.

Gold King Mine: A possible Rmvl Assessment may be needed at this mine also in the Upper Animas / Cement Crk system. This mine is likely to see an increase in flow if we bulkhead the R n B. Recently the owner of the Gold King has expressed interest in working with EPA to open the adit. (We discussed this briefly with Martin H also during the briefing.)

Priority needs to be given to the Carpenter Site if these become completing interests.

At this time, I will assume that the Carpenter Snow Ck project will be funded. The MT Ops office knows that they may need to make priority choices also. We can discuss the priority on the

other mine sites in the Animas watershed.

Thanks,

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